

MTIBRS "TIP" of the Month!



Exceptional Clearances

According to the FBI, clearing an offense by exceptional means requires the following four conditions be met:

1. The investigation must have clearly and definitely established the identity of at least one offender;
2. Sufficient probable cause must have been developed to support the arrest, charging, and prosecution of the offender;
3. The exact location of the offender must be known so that an arrest could be made; and
4. There must be a reason outside the control of law enforcement which prevents the arrest.

Acceptable Exceptional Clearance codes:

- A = Death of Offender
- B = Prosecution Declined (by the prosecutor for other than lack of probable cause)
- C = Extradition Denied
- D = Victim Refused to Cooperate (in the prosecution)
- E = Juvenile/No Custody (the handling of a juvenile without taking him/her into custody, but rather by oral or written notice given to the parents or legal guardian in a case involving a minor offense)